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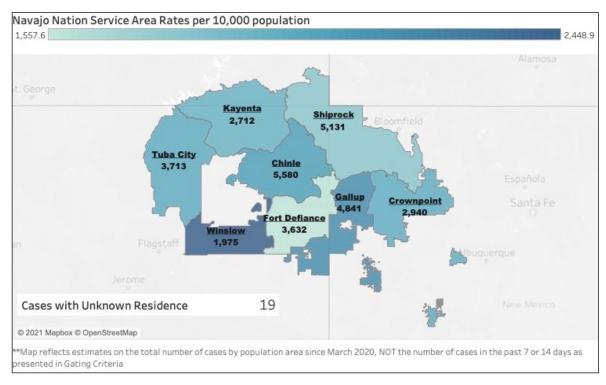
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12 new cases, 16,606 recoveries, and one more death related to COVID-19



WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – On Tuesday, the Navajo Department of Health, in coordination with the Navajo Epidemiology Center and the Navajo Area Indian Health Service, reported 12 new COVID-19 positive cases for the Navajo Nation and one more death. The total number of deaths is now 1,282 as of Tuesday. Reports indicate that 16,606 individuals have recovered from COVID-19, and 266,423 COVID-19 tests have been administered. The total number of positive COVID-19 cases is now 30,543, including nine delayed reported cases.

Navajo Nation COVID-19 positive cases by Service Unit:

Chinle Service Unit: 5,580

Crownpoint Service Unit: 2,940

Ft. Defiance Service Unit: 3,632

Gallup Service Unit: 4,841
Kayenta Service Unit: 2,712
Shiprock Service Unit: 5,131
Tuba City Service Unit: 3,713
Winslow Service Unit: 1,975

* 19 residences with COVID-19 positive cases are not specific enough to place them accurately in a Service Unit.

On Tuesday, the state of Arizona reported 701 new cases, Utah reported 259, and New Mexico reported 219 cases.

"COVID-19 vaccines are widely available across the Navajo Nation. We have Navajo Area Indian Health Service, the 638 facilities, and our Community Health Representatives going out into communities to make it even more accessible for our people. If you have not been vaccinated, we encourage you to do so soon, to help us reach community immunity. We have to keep pushing back on COVID-19 and the variants by getting vaccinated, wearing masks, social distancing, washing your hands often, avoiding large in-person gatherings, and limiting travel. The safest place to be is at home here on the Navajo Nation," said Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez.

Health care facilities across the Navajo Nation continue to administer COVID-19 vaccines during drive-thru events or by appointment. If you would like to receive the vaccine, please contact your health care provider for more information for your Service Unit.

"On Thursday, we begin Navajo Nation Nurses Appreciation Week to honor and recognize all of the hard work and commitment of our frontline warriors who put on the nursing uniforms each day to help our people. We owe a debt of gratitude to all nurses and health care workers for what they have done during this pandemic. We can all help them by getting vaccinated and continuing to take precautions to keep ourselves safe," said Vice President Myron Lizer.

For more information, including helpful prevention tips, and resources to help stop the spread of COVID-19, visit the Navajo Department of Health's COVID-19 website: http://www.ndoh.navajo-nsn.gov/COVID-19. For COVID-19 related questions and information, call (928) 871-7014.

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